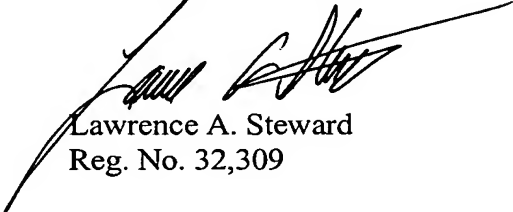


REMARKS

In this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have replaced the European form claims with claims of similar content having a form that more closely reflects the rules of practice of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. In addition, the Examiner's attention is directed to the enclosed Article 19 Amendment which was filed during PCT proceedings. The claims designated as "original" herein are the claims as they stood following the Article 19 Amendment.

With the forgoing changes to the claims, the present application is believed to be placed in condition for examination and allowance.

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